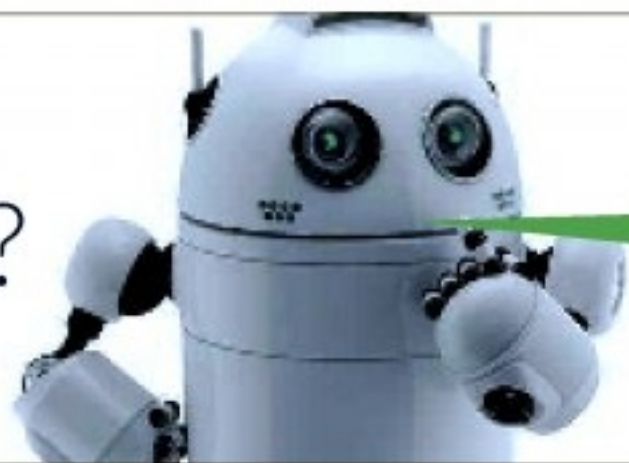


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Limit number of cabs, drivers say

REGULATION

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**Haley
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Metro | Halifax

Halifax cabbies have some concerns.

Local taxi drivers are hoping

the province takes over regulation to limit the number of cabs in Halifax, allowing them to make minimum wage.

The United Cab Drivers Association of Halifax has released a letter to Premier Stephen McNeil's office Wednesday, asking for taxis to be regulated under the province's Utility and Review Board (UARB) and moved away from the municipality to align with vehicles like school buses, commercial vans with a capacity of nine or more

passengers, and limos.

"When you have the proper ratio of cabs ... the waiting period for the taxi driver is reduced and they make money — so it's better," association president Darshan Virk said Wednesday.

"The fare would be cheaper, because we go for higher taxi fare when we don't make the money."

Virk said the province has the right to step in and regulate the number of taxis based on a section in the Motor Vehicle



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Darshan Virk

Act, and minimum wage protection falls under the Human Rights Act.

According to numbers released by the association, Halifax Regional Municipality as a whole has roughly 1,000 cabs for a total population of 407,000, while the Halifax

zone itself has 610 for 135,000 people.

Virk said those numbers are far too high, especially when you compare them to larger cities like Winnipeg's 410 cabs in a 663,615 population, or Vancouver's 608 cabs for 603,500 people.

Drivers also have to deal with high fees for dispatch companies, roof lights, insurance, and maintenance that can add up to \$30,594 a year, Virk said.

Less cabs would mean drivers would be in higher demand, Virk said, therefore allowing drivers to pick up more passengers and still make enough money to support themselves and their families.

"The city won't do it," Virk said.



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Halifax photographer Allen Crooks shows off his vintage Graflex Speed Graphic camera. The analogue enthusiast is starting a new darkroom in town through crowdfunding. JEFF HARPER - METRO



One of the photos taken with the Speed Graphic camera. ALLEN CROOKS/CONTRIBUTED

Darkroom fans still in the picture

COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Shutterbug wants to open a space for film photography



Nicole Gnazdowsky
For Metro | Halifax

As the saying usually goes, it's out with the old and in with the new but one Halifax photographer is trying to do the exact opposite of that.

Allen Crooks will be opening a darkroom for analogue photographers to come in and develop photos the more traditional way. The idea stemmed from his fears that spaces like these are becoming obsolete.

"It was kind of fuelled by the notion that NASCAD (Nova Scotia College of Art and Design) isn't going to do it forever so why not take control of the situation and move forward to create a space that we can start in case they pull a plug on it. Film photography is slowly transitioning out of the curriculum," said Crooks.



With analogue you have to kind of surrender to the fact that you think you know what you're doing.

Allen Crooks

Crooks says the location will be open for experienced photographers and developers to come in and develop photos under a membership subscription.

"It's amazing there's such a strong network of film photographers here and most of them are half my age, which is actually good because for some reason that demographic

is really embracing film analogue photography or analogue music. A lot of them are also into vinyl so it's a really interesting analysis that I've done," said Crooks.

Crooks wants to make sure that the location can also be used to teach the art and hopes to eventually set up programs, workshops and classes to do so.

He thoroughly believes the

photography experience between digital and analogue to be entirely unique, and believes the difference is attractive enough to draw in large numbers of the community.

"I think it's the experience that's created from initial image capture all the way through the processed film, you have a vested interest throughout that process, to some extent you almost have to detach yourself from the outcome."

"Whereas digital you're always checking the back of the camera and you have that luxury, with analogue you have to

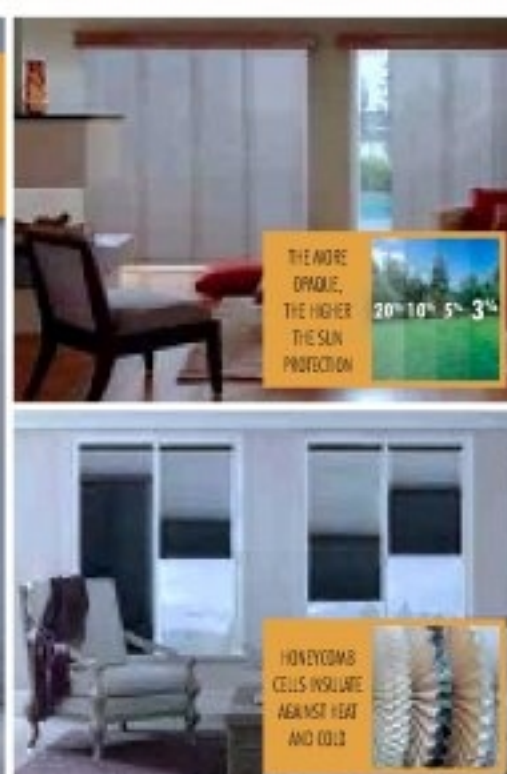
kind of surrender to the fact that you think you know what you're doing, its going to be OK and you just kind of enjoy the process of making the images."

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Crooks has set up a Crowdfunding campaign, at indiegogo.com/projects/halifax-darkroom#, and hopes to have enough donations to have the location open by the beginning of June.



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WILDFIRES

Residents warned of fire risks



Nicole Gnazdowsky
For Metro | Halifax

Following a series of wildfires last week that damaged farmlands and forests in Nova Scotia, the provincial government is reminding the public of the importance of following burning restrictions, especially as the spring weather continues to warm up.

The province is reminding people to check the colour-coded map on its website, novascotia.ca/burnsafe, before lighting any brush or campfires, and follow regulations accordingly.

No fires are allowed between the hours of 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. on any day, a news release issued Wednesday by the Department of Natural Resources said.

"The wildfires last week that damaged forests and farmland and put properties and firefighters at risk were caused by mistakes made by people," Natural Resources Minister Lloyd Hines said in the release. "I encourage everyone to please follow the BurnSafe map rules to reduce wildfire risks."



The wildfires last week were caused by mistakes made by people.

Lloyd Hines



Nicholas Butcher, charged with second-degree murder, heads into Halifax provincial court Wednesday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Yoga instructor murder case pushed to May 24

KRISTIN JOHNSTON

Judge orders accused not to contact more than 20 people



Haley Ryan
Metro | Halifax

The man accused of killing local yoga instructor Kristin Johnston will be back in court next month, and has been ordered to not contact over 20 people.

Nicholas Jordan Butcher, 33, appeared briefly in Halifax provincial court Wednesday to face a charge of second-degree murder in Johnston's death.

He had the hood of his grey sweater up and pulled across his face with one hand when being led in, but Butcher lowered it when he entered the courtroom.

One arm was hidden under Butcher's sweater as if in a sling, the same as his first court appearance April 12.

Butcher's lawyer said they had just received more disclosure about the case Wednesday,

and asked for the next date to be set for May 24, when there could be a possibility of setting dates for a preliminary hearing.

He was remanded into custody until then, and Judge Bill Digby read off a list of more than 20 people Butcher could not make contact with.

Police have said Butcher and Johnston were in a relationship before the 32-year-old's murder.

Officers were called to Johnston's home on Oceanview Drive in Purcells Cove at about 7:45 a.m. on March 26 for an "unknown trouble call." They found the body of Johnston

inside the home.

Butcher was originally arrested March 26, but was released from custody pending hospital treatment of what were described by police as serious but non-life threatening injuries.

Sources say his injury was a severe cut to the wrist area.

Butcher graduated from Dalhousie's Schulich School of Law last year, according to a posting he made on the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society last summer looking for an articling position.

He has no criminal record.

NORTH PRESTON

Search uncovers firearms



Yvette d'Entremont
Metro | Halifax

Police are asking for help after finding three firearms in North Preston on Tuesday night.

In a media release issued Wednesday afternoon, Nova Scotia RCMP said three firearms were seized in the community after police conducted a search as a result of a motor vehicle act violation.

Police located a prohibited sawed-off 30-06 rifle and a quantity of ammunition, a BB rifle, and a replica 9mm BB gun, the release said.

The firearms were located outside in the area of Willis Lane in North Preston underneath a vehicle.

At this time, police say the owner of the firearms is not known.

Police urge anyone who knows the owner of these firearms to contact them. The investigation is continuing.



IN BRIEF

Agency's former head charged with fraud

RCMP have charged the former executive director of the Cumberland Regional Economic Development Association with fraud. Police allege 54-year-old Rhonda Charmaine Kelly of Amherst submitted false project claims. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Couple pleads with dog thief

DARTMOUTH

Bring Homer home, family asks after break-in



Haley Ryan
Metro | Halifax

A Dartmouth couple would just like to have their "boy home" after they say someone broke into their house earlier this week and stole their dog.

Matt Hadley said they first noticed their three-year-old Boston terrier, Homer, was missing on Tuesday around 3 p.m., when his wife Megan came home with their nine-month-old daughter and found a window in their basement broken.

Homer was nowhere to be found, but whoever had taken him had left their other dog, a Chihuahua, behind.

"We're not feeling the best right now," Hadley said Wednesday.

Before Megan noticed the broken window, Hadley said she

could tell something was wrong when she spotted a rarely used quilt in the living area, and saw their camera had been moved from its usual place.

They reported the incident to police right away, but Hadley said it was "very odd" that no big electronics or other valuables were taken besides some of Megan's jewelry, makeup, and hair straightener.

Hadley said they've posted a notice on Nova Scotia's Lost Dog Network and hope to get the word out as much as possible.

Halifax RCMP issued a news release early Wednesday afternoon asking for the public's help in finding Homer.

Police officers responded to the break-and-enter on Wex-

ford Road just before 4 p.m. on Tuesday, the RCMP release said.

Homer is described as a 20-pound male Boston terrier with black and white markings, and he may be wearing a dark-coloured collar with bone graphics and a vaccination tag, police said.

Overall, Hadley said he hopes whoever took Homer just doesn't hurt him and eventually drops him off at a local fire station or even somewhere in their neighbourhood so they can find him.

"He's very excitable. He loves to play ... loves to just hang out with you," Hadley said.

"I'd like to have my boy home." WITH NOTES FROM KRISTEN LIPSCOMBE/METRO



“He’s very excitable. He loves to play ... loves to hang out with you.”

Matt Hadley

Matt Hadley's wife Megan arrived home with their baby Tuesday afternoon to find a basement window broken, things in disarray and their **beloved pooch Homer missing**. CONTRIBUTED

+ HELP NEEDED

Homer is a 20-pound male Boston terrier with black and white markings, a dark collar with a pattern of bones on it and a vaccination tag. He went missing from his home on Wexford Road on Tuesday.

Halifax RCMP are asking anyone who has information about Homer's whereabouts to call them at 902-490-5020 or Nova Scotia Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

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HERITAGE WORK ON A PIECE OF HISTORY Workers prepare to remove some architectural details on the former Bank of Montreal building on Spring Garden Road on Wednesday. The building was also the former home of Rouge's Roost and Tom's Little Havana, but is being torn down for a new project by Westwood Developments Limited. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Indigenous people contribute \$1.1B

NEW REPORT

Communities key to region's economy, says new report

A new report showing Atlantic Canada's indigenous communities pour more than \$1.1 billion in direct spending into the regional economy disproves conventional myths about the state of reserves and their residents, said the study's co-chair.

"We're not a sinkhole of money," John G. Paul told a news conference in Halifax.

"As we build a better future I can tell you that every community or person that lives near us or around us will also benefit equally. I think that bodes well for Atlantic Canada."

Conducted for the Atlantic Policy Congress of First Nations Chiefs Secretariat, the study released Wednesday aims to highlight the importance of emerging economic opportu-

ities, while challenging conventional myths about the state of reserves and their residents.

"The economic activities being pursued ... are as diverse as the communities in which they are conducted," says the study.

The sectors vary from conventional resource-based industries such as fisheries and forestry to emerging areas such as renewable energy and IT.

The study, authored by Group ATN Consulting, says the indigenous economy creates more than 16,700 full time equivalent employment positions and contributes \$184.5 million in overall tax revenues.

Nearly \$711 million in household income is also generated.

Conducted over last fall and winter, the study draws on financial data from band operations across Atlantic Canada as well as from community consultations and an online survey of businesses, band managers and communities.

The study found that 94 per cent of the overall spending

each year is spent largely in rural areas in and around indigenous communities and is "on par" with money spent by several megaprojects including the Irving Shipbuilding contract in Halifax and the Muskrat Falls hydroelectric project in Labrador.

It also highlights demographics as being the key to future growth and investment given that the median age for the indigenous population in the region is 28 as compared to 43 for all other residents.

Federal Minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs Carolyn Bennett said the study is significant because it shows Canadians that money provided to indigenous communities is an "investment rather than just money spent."

Leroy Denny, chief of Cape Breton's Eskasoni band, said work needs to be done to improve economic conditions in communities like his own.

"Invest in our people, invest in our education," he says.

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Mary MacLean plays the Scottish smallpipes at the start of a ceremony Wednesday at Province House to kick off Gaelic Awareness Month in Nova Scotia, which runs through May. JEFF HARPER/METRO

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Nova Scotia set to celebrate Gaelic culture



Nicole Gnazdowsky
For Metro | Halifax

With one-third of Nova Scotians claiming their Gaelic heritage, it's a culture that continues to "thrive" here, the provincial government said Wednesday.

That's why for the past 20 years, the month of May has been dubbed Gaelic Awareness Month.

Students from Waverley Memorial School and members of the Gaelic community came out to the ceremonial kick-off for the province's Gaelic Awareness Month, which took place Wednesday afternoon at Province House in downtown Halifax.

"Nova Scotia is the name for New Scotland; many highlanders came here and brought the traditions and values, and we really think it's important to continue these," said Tonya Fry, president of the Gaelic Council of Nova Scotia.

"Nova Scotia is one of the few

places outside of Europe where Gaelic has continued to thrive," added Gaelic Affairs Minister Randy Delorey.

The theme of this year's awareness month is "a place, a tradition, a people."

"In that theme, we are hoping to share with everybody all of the aspects of our community and our culture," said Fry.

Although the awareness month has only been celebrated for two decades, organizers believe it will always be important to look back on and teach young people the values and traditions of the Gaelic community to insure its valuable continuation.

"The Gaelic culture and identity spans more than 20 years; this month is more about reconnecting. We're trying to get people engaged not just by attending these events but by sharing their connections," said Delorey.

There is a calendar of events available online and organizers are asking members of the Gaelic community to share their stories and connections with Gaelic via the council's social media pages and continue passing the traditions and values down from generation to generation.

CAPE BRETON

Salvage yard fire is suspicious: Officials

Police are investigating a suspicious fire that left dozens of cars ablaze at a salvage yard in Cape Breton.

Police say they were originally called to the Sydport Highway outside Sydney at about 7 p.m. Tuesday to help with traffic control.

Several fire departments

were at the scene, fighting a fire involving a pile of vehicles engulfed in flames.

Fire officials deemed the fire suspicious, but say no one was injured.

Police were on the scene overnight and are continuing an investigation.

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WILDLIFE

Eastern cougar may be truly extinct

After 10 years of patiently waiting for Nova Scotia's ghost cougar to appear, a determined researcher working in the dark forests of Kejimikujik National Park is calling it quits.

The elusive cougar has long been a source of intrigue and myth in Nova Scotia, and even inspired an episode of the Trailer Park Boys.

But Chris McCarthy's decade-long quest has failed to turn up any evidence that the eastern

cougar still roams the big park in western Nova Scotia.

"We haven't had any success in detecting any, and so after a decade we think we've put enough effort into it for now," says McCarthy, the park's manager of resource conservation.

McCarthy says there's been hundreds of sightings across the province, and in neighbouring New Brunswick, over the years. But a cougar hasn't been trapped, hit by a car or

shot in the province since the late 1930s.

McCarthy's study involved travelling to remote corners of the 380-square-kilometre park, where scratching posts were baited with jugs containing a liquid that smelled like cougar urine. Barbed wire and Velcro strips were used to snag hair samples.

The traps collected plenty of hair, but none from a cougar.

"It would have been nice to

get a hit," McCarthy says. "That would be a rare opportunity."

The eastern cougar remains a source of intrigue in the Maritimes, where sightings continue to come in from remote campsites, lonely dirt roads and the sprawling backwoods.

House cats, lynx and bobcats are often mistaken for cougars.

"Unless you have a size reference next to it, it's kind of tough," says McCarthy.

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DARTMOUTH

50-foot art piece creating buzz ahead of June debut



Yvette d'Entremont
Metro | Halifax

Although it hasn't yet had its official unveiling, a large sculpture designed to celebrate Dartmouth's community pride already has people talking.

The four-and-a-half-foot tall letters spell out "Dartmouth," and each letter weighs between 120 and 150 pounds. The bright blue and yellow letters were chosen to reflect the colours of Dartmouth's flag.

When erected, the sculpture is about 50 feet in length.

"It's a moveable piece, very sturdy and built to be outdoors. Obviously it can be moved around on a grassy knoll or a concrete area or wherever for various events," said artist Christian Toth.

"It is meant to showcase that



The Downtown Dartmouth Business Commission commissioned local artist Christian Toth to create this sculpture celebrating the community's pride. The sculpture, which was created over three weeks, is planned to be used for various community events. YVETTE D'ENTREMONT/METRO

section of the city. A lot of people are proud Dartmouthians. I think it works. Everyone is really excited about it and it has been getting some excellent response."

Toth shared a few images on social media Wednesday and said the response was overwhelming as people messaged him to ask where and when they could see it.

Designed to be unveiled at the Dartmouth Switch open street

party event June 5, the moveable art will also serve as a showpiece for other community festivals and initiatives.

It took Toth about three weeks to construct.

"They were not 12-hour days, but it was a big build getting all of the material, moving it around and designing it and cutting and all the rest of it," he said.

The project is an initiative of the Downtown Dartmouth

Business Commission, which hired Toth to design and build the piece.

"It should draw a crowd and be popular. It's in the same spirit of 'I am Amsterdam' but at a Dartmouth scale," said the commission's executive director Tim Rissesco.

The size of the sculpture makes storing it a bit challenging. It is currently in a storage facility awaiting its unveiling at

Sullivan's Pond.

"If we can find a spot some day, we may put it somewhere permanently but we don't have any ideas as to where it can go permanently right now," Rissesco said.

"There's a big resurgence these days of people celebrating all things Dartmouth... People are discovering or rediscovering their inner Dartmouth and this art piece is an expression of that."



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IN BRIEF

Canada must pave the way for 'smart' transportation: Garneau

Canada must make its transportation system smarter and greener, says Transport Minister Marc Garneau, but documents show the country is falling behind its trading partners in connecting infrastructure to the vehicles that use it.

Garneau said that he wants to see Canada at the forefront of the push to create intelligent transportation systems that allow cars, trucks, ships and planes to communicate with roads, rail, and ports.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada pledges to send more aid to Ecuador, but DART won't be going

Canada is contributing another \$900,000 to earthquake-stricken Ecuador, but has decided against sending the Disaster Assistance Response Team.

The latest donation brings Canadian assistance to Ecuador to \$2 million.

The government has also contributed to sending a Canadian Red Cross field hospital to help. Global Affairs says DART evaluated the situation and decided it was not needed.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Rethink Saudi deal: Critics

The Liberal government must rethink its \$15-billion arms deal with Saudi Arabia, given the deteriorating human rights situation, a group of peace and human rights organizations urged.

Opponents of the sale of Canadian-made light armoured vehicles in the Middle East say it flies in the face of Justin Trudeau's promise to reinvigorate Canada's standing on human rights issues around the world. THE CANADIAN PRESS



These family photos show Reet Jurvetson, aged 18. Los Angeles police said they're investigating whether the young woman, found stabbed more than 100 times in 1969, is connected to the Manson family killings.

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'My little sister was savagely killed'

REET JURVETSON

Canadian was dumped near site of Manson killings

For decades, she was known simply as Jane Doe No. 59 — an unidentified body dumped with 150 stab wounds in Los Angeles in 1969 near the site of several killings perpetrated by the notorious Manson family.

On Wednesday, a Canadian connection was confirmed in the 47-year-old cold case when the murdered woman was identified as Reet Silvia Jurvetson, a 19-year-old Montreal resident who'd gone to Los Angeles that year.

"Jane Doe #59 now has a name," Anne Jurvetson, Reet's sister and the last living member of her immediate family, said in a statement. "She had one all along, but no one knew."

Jurvetson said she's hopeful the news will help provide authorities with leads or fresh information. "My little sister was savagely killed," the Quebec woman wrote in a four-page testimonial dated April 18.

Anne, now 73, had been in contact with the LAPD since 2015, when Reet's friends saw a post-mortem picture, noticed a resemblance and alerted her.

A DNA match positively identified Jurvetson as Jane Doe No. 59, whose corpse was found Nov. 16, 1969, by a birdwatcher in dense brush off the iconic Mulholland Drive. She had been stabbed 150 times and didn't have identification. But the location and timing of the killing just a few kilometres from the site of several Manson family murders long fuelled speculation that Jurvetson's case was connected.

Los Angeles police Det. Luis Rivera told People Magazine, which broke the story, investigators can't rule out the Manson family's involvement in the killing. Charles Manson achieved notoriety in 1969 as the leader of a "family" of young killers who terrified Los Angeles. He was convicted of killing seven people, including pregnant actress Sharon Tate, the wife of director Roman Polanski.

Rivera told The Canadian Press there is nothing firm as of yet that would allow authorities to connect the slaying to the Manson clan.

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FINANCE

Corporate use of tax havens up

Corporate Canada increased spending in its 10 favourite tax havens by 17 per cent in 2015, according to new figures on direct foreign investment released Tuesday by Statistics Canada.

Canadians for Tax Fairness crunched the numbers and found that Canadian corporations invested almost \$40 billion last year in the Top 10 tax haven destinations for Canadian capital — taking investment totals since 1990 to \$270.2 billion.

Barbados has been the top destination, attracting \$79.9 billion in total while seeing its numbers climb 14 per cent in 2015. Four other countries in Canada's Top 10 — Cayman Islands, Bermuda, Switzerland and Hong Kong — all saw year-over-year increases of at least 34 per cent last year.

"The money doesn't just stay there, it goes on to somewhere else," Dennis Howlett, the CEO of the Tax Fairness advocacy group, said in an interview.

"But (corporations) route it through tax havens usually because there are tax advantages for doing so. The returns on the investments get booked in the tax havens so then companies don't have to report it as profits in Canada."

The direct foreign investment figures released Tuesday don't include the billions of dollars that individual Canadians appear to have socked away offshore.

The parliamentary budget office is currently in a battle with the Liberal government over access to tax information that would help it measure the "tax gap."

The long-standing issue has been thrust into the international limelight again by the release of the Panama Papers, more than 11 million leaked documents that detail offshore accounts in the Central American country. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Trump struggles to explain foreign policy

U.S. ELECTION

Front-runner goes for sober tone to appear presidential

Donald Trump strained to lay out a clear vision of his "America first" foreign policy on Wednesday, vowing to substitute hard-headed realism for what he called a post-Cold War era replete with U.S. national security failures.

Yet the Republican presidential front-runner outlined no

strategy for how he'd make the United States at the same time a "consistent" and "unpredictable" force in the world. And he didn't appear to allay the concerns of U.S. and international critics — Republicans at home as well as Democrats — who see him as unfit for the responsibilities of commander in chief.

"America first" will be the major and overriding theme of my administration," Trump declared, echoing motifs from his campaign that is now close to sealing the GOP nomination.

Delivering his lines in a more sober, restrained manner than usual to cast himself as presi-

+ TED CRUZ

Meanwhile, Republican presidential candidate Ted Cruz tapped former technology executive Carly Fiorina — a woman who he said has repeatedly "shattered glass ceilings" — to serve as his running mate.

dential material, the billionaire businessman and reality TV star toned down or omitted several of his most explosive — and oft-repeated — barbs. He made

no reference to forcing Mexico to pay for a wall across the nation's Southern border.

Instead, Trump took aim at President Barack Obama's embrace of an Iran nuclear agreement, Obama's failure to eliminate Daesh and other examples of what he termed a foreign policy of "randomness" and "chaos." His criticism extended to Republicans, too, assailing President George W. Bush for the Iraq war.

"My foreign policy will always put the interests of the American people and American security above all else," he said.

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MIGRANT CRISIS GREECE BUILDS MORE CAMPS AS DEPORTATIONS CONTINUE Migrants and refugees are seen in these photos at a makeshift camp at the Greek-Macedonian border near the village of Idomeni on Wednesday. Greece continues to send migrants to Turkey as part of a European Union-Turkey agreement aiming to stop the flow of refugees and migrants across the Aegean to Europe's more prosperous heartland. Greece said Wednesday it would construct a further four camps for them, in an effort to gradually clear an impromptu camp. AFP/GETTY IMAGES & THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



IN BRIEF

Paris attacks suspect extradited to France

The lone known surviving suspect in the Paris attacks was returned Wednesday to the city where Daesh unleashed a night of mayhem and charged with a host of terrorism offences.

Salah Abdeslam was whisked in secretly by helicopter after being transferred from the prison cell in Belgium where he had been held since his capture last month. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PHILIPPINES

Experts seek to identify body

Police forensic experts are trying to determine if the headless body of a Caucasian man that was found by villagers in the southern Philippines was that of a Canadian hostage who was beheaded by Muslim militant earlier this week.

John Ridsdel, 68, was beheaded after the Abu Sayyaf did not receive a large ransom it had demanded by a Monday deadline.

Fellow Canadian Robert Hall, a Norwegian and a Filipino woman who were kidnapped with Ridsdel in Sep-

tember are still being held by the militants, along with about 20 other foreign hostages.

President Benigno Aquino III says that the Abu Sayyaf militants who beheaded Ridsdel may have plotted to kill him and kidnap boxing star Manny Pacquiao.

Aquino says the militants also wanted to explode bombs in metropolitan Manila to try to get funding from the Islamic State group but the plans were uncovered and troops have reduced the group's ability to inflict harm. Aquino, whose

six-year term ends in June, says he sent a letter expressing condolences to Ridsdel's family, describing his death as appalling.

He vowed "to devote all my energies" to ensure that the extremists would be "at the very least ... a very seriously degraded problem" for his successor.

While he has forged a peace pact with a larger Muslim rebel group, Aquino said there is no possibility of engaging in talks with the brutal Abu Sayyaf.

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'Made in Canada' claims may be false

RETAIL

Moose Knuckles in hot water with Competition Bureau

The Competition Bureau is seeking a \$4-million penalty against high-end clothing maker Moose Knuckles, which it accuses of misleading marketing over claims that its winter parkas are made in Canada.

In an application to the Competition Tribunal, the regulator alleges the parkas marketed as made-in-Canada are mostly made in Vietnam and elsewhere in Asia.

The bureau alleges that only the finishing touches to the jackets, such as adding the trim, zippers and snaps, are done in Canada.

However, Moose Knuckles president Ayal Twik said in an

email response that the company "vigorously rejects the allegations" regarding the Canadian content of its products and the company's operations in Canada.

"Moose Knuckles' core products are made in Canada and always have been," Twik said.

The bureau declined an interview request, but said in a statement Wednesday it is seeking an end to what it believes to be a false or misleading claim.

Besides the \$4-million administrative penalty, the Competition Bureau is also seeking restitution for consumers.

"Consumers are willing to pay a premium for 'Made in Canada' products, and manufacturers know this," Matthew Boswell, senior deputy commissioner of competition, said of the parkas, which typically retail from \$595 to more than \$1,000.

"The bureau has taken action

in order to ensure that consumers — and retailers — have the correct information to allow them to make informed purchases."

Under bureau guidelines, at least 51 per cent of total direct costs of producing or manufacturing should incur in Canada for products claiming to be "Made in Canada."

They should also be accompanied by a qualifying statement such as "Made in Canada with imported parts" or even more specific information such as "Made in Canada with 60 per cent Canadian content and 40 per cent imported content."

The Moose Knuckles brand recently received a publicity boost after Sophie Grégoire-Trudeau, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's wife, wore one of its red and black plaid jackets while stepping off a government plane last November in London.

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FOOD

More chicken in your McNugget

Like the indestructible Twinkie, Chicken McNuggets are practically a culinary punchline, a symbol of hyper-processed fast food with a list of ingredients that reads like a chemistry exam. But now McDonald's wants to take at least some of the mystery substances out.

The world's biggest hamburger chain says it is testing a version without artificial preservatives.

It's the latest move by McDonald's to try to catch up with changing tastes and turn around its business.

The new McNugget recipe is



McDonald's said it began testing the recipe in Oregon and Washington. ISTOCK

"simpler," and "parents can feel good" about it, the company said.

While McDonald's did not give full details about what is or isn't in the test recipe, it said the new McNuggets do not have sodium phosphates. Also, the McNuggets will not be fried in oil containing the artificial preservative TBHQ.

Chicken McNuggets have become a mocked symbol of heavily processed fast food since they were introduced in the 1980s. The breaded and fried nuggets are made of ground-up chicken rather than intact chunks of meat and are delivered to stores frozen.

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EMMA TEITEL ON THE DANGERS OF UBER

If you're a young woman who travels alone, the argument that one form of transportation is disproportionately more dangerous than another is unconvincing.



Two years ago, when I downloaded Uber, the American ridesharing service that's uprooting conventional transportation one complimentary water bottle at a time, safety was not at the top of my mind.

Uber was a godsend that ferried me to and from bars and appointments quickly and cheaply in the dead of Canadian winter.

But safety was — and still is — at the top of someone else's mind: my mother's.

To this day, every time I open the app in her presence, she wants to know: "Why do you trust Uber?" "And what is UberX, anyway?"

I try to explain that the latter is not a naughty version of the former (it's just cheaper) but my mom's mistrust of the ride-sharing service remains intact.

"Who knows who is driving you around?" she asks.

To which, I usually respond: "Actually, I do. His name is Vlad. He drives a Toyota Camry."

But she's adamant: "Take a taxi. I'll pay for it."

(I have a theory that conventional cabs have Uberway moms to thank for at least 15 per cent of their current business).

The question is: are Uberway moms needlessly paranoid or are they actually right to shun the New Lift Order?

Is there something uniquely dangerous about UberX, particularly for women? Lately, to my mom's credit, it

appears there is.

On Tuesday, police in York Region, outside of Toronto, announced that they are investigating an alleged assault associated with the service; a woman said an Uber driver sexually assaulted her.

This allegation is not an anomaly; dozens have been reported across North Amer-

ica in recent years. In September, a 25-year-old woman in Toronto alleged that her driver assaulted her. In Los Angeles this year, a man was arrested after he allegedly posed as an Uber driver, lured a woman into his car and sexually assaulted her.



Among the charges levelled at Uber is that it's unsafe for women. Well, what form of transportation isn't? GETTY IMAGES

Even though Uber can't be directly blamed for this latter incident, the service provided good cover for a violent criminal act.

And women aren't the only alleged victims. In February, an Uber driver in Michigan shot six people to

death in one evening, picking up and delivering fares in between killings.

But I'm not convinced, despite prophecies of doom from a terrified cab industry, that Uber is the spawn of transit Satan.

There is plenty wrong with the service — a culture of secrecy around its safety re-

cord and, according to many of its employees, a history of underpaying drivers.

But almost everything that Uber has been accused of safety-wise in recent days, holds just as accurately for taxis.

In 2014 a Halifax cabbie was convicted of sexually attacking a female passenger.

And far as the claim that cabbies everywhere are invariably both better regulated and screened, between 2014 and 2015, 100 drivers with known criminal records (including convictions for

drug dealing and offences barring them from driving) were licensed by taxi companies in the U.K. jurisdictions of Liverpool and Sefton.

On a personal note, I have been made to feel uncomfortable by both taxi and Uber drivers.

The former have expressed — unsolicited, and on more than one occasion — their opposition to same-sex marriage, while the latter have remarked, questionably, on my personal habits.

There was, for instance, the Uber driver who dropped me off one day at a waxing salon.

"Your boyfriend must be pretty stoked about your appointment today," he said, clearly presuming I was there for a Brazilian wax; I was getting my moustache removed.

All this is to say, if you're a young woman who travels alone, the argument that one form of transportation is disproportionately more dangerous than another is unconvincing.

Uber may not be a bastion of safety but I doubt it is any more hazardous than a conventional cab, or at other times, a walk down an unlit street. (Or for that matter, a well-lit one).

What it is, however, is new. And new things scare us.

But despite the cash-free ride and the slick marketing, it's an old idea: in the name of convenience we entrust our lives to people we have not met before, and we hope for the best.

Taking a ride with Uber or an old-fashioned cab, we're flouting a piece of classic advice from my mother, and yours: "Never get into cars with strangers."

Emma Teitel is a national columnist for the Toronto Star.

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

Labiaplasty trend shows vagina shame is real — and really preventable

Oh, vaginas.

We love to ogle them (Game of Thrones is practically addicted) — except, not them, per se, so much as the kind that resembles the pale, U-shaped nothingness between Barbie's legs.

If we were that keen to look at all vaginas, girls in the U.S. might not be seeking plastic surgery for medically questionable labiaplasty, which isn't even recommended for adult women by the Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists of Canada.

The procedure alters the look of women's genitals generally for the sake of altering the look of women's genitals.

It has not been proven to increase pleasure, and could actually reduce it via scarring, according to the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. "Vaginal rejuvenation" sold to older women is pure marketing fantasy, the SOGC says. And while the procedure is sometimes done to relieve labia pain (yes, a thing) it's rarely advertised that way.

Perhaps that's why last year saw an 80 per cent increase in the number of girls under 18 who got labiaplasty in the U.S. (400 in total), according to the American Society for Aesthetic Plastic Surgery. To combat the rates of labiaplasty in both countries, gynecologists are being told to offer counselling to patients — especially young patients — and to help women appreciate their own anatomy. In other words:

Women don't know enough about their vaginas to know what normal looks like.

The fact is, vaginas are more varied than apple species. They have more diversity than a Liberal cabinet. And they do not all look like taut hammocks.

I'm embarrassed to say, I had no idea how different they could look until I came across an artist who makes casts of women's vaginas to convince them their bits look good. All the shapes and sizes genuinely shocked me, but why wouldn't they? The vagina in pop culture is more uniform than the houseplant.

Perhaps if we showed that variety and talked about how vaginas function (did you know the labia change during pregnancy and menopause?), we might not have this labiaplasty problem.

Instead, the idea that vaginas are gross/dirty/unspeakable endures. Women are still marketed vaginal wipes (penises being perpetually fresh). Trolls demean women with the C-word. Donald Trump slaps Hillary Clinton's "woman card," reduces her entire campaign to her vagina, and it's no compliment.

I'm not smitten with the love-your-body-movement, which sets a sky-high bar for self-worship. But I could get behind a love-your-vagina spinoff, especially one targeted to girls. After all, what's the point of growing up in Internet age, if not to finally free the V?

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BOOK EXCERPT EPIPHANY: A CHRISTIAN'S CHANGE OF HEART & MIND OVER SAME-SEX MARRIAGE, BY MICHAEL COREN

'I spoke of unconditional love'



Michael Coren is a well-known author, radio personality, columnist, Metro contributor and speaker, who, until last year, was considered a champion of social conservatism in Canada.

Coren has had a profound spiritual and personal change of heart. His book, *Epiphany: A Christian's Change of Heart & Mind over Same-Sex Marriage*, is an examination of how and why that happened.

In the summer of 2015 I was asked to preach at Toronto's Metropolitan Community Church (MCC). MCC is not exclusively gay but its central theme, its charisma if you like, is outreach to LGBT people, and in all of its many international branches it is at the heart of the struggle for full equality. Indeed, in Toronto its leader, Brent Hawkes, is one of the most high-profile, visible, and eloquent leaders of the gay community. It was Brent who invited me to speak at the church — we had known each other for years because we often appeared on opposing sides on television and radio panels; neither of us ever thought we'd be embracing, close to tears, in front of the altar of his church. I'd spoken to hundreds of groups for more than a decade and hadn't felt nervous for a long time but was most definitely nervous this time. How many of these people had I hurt, how many had

lives made more difficult by my writing and broadcasting? I'd never hated but I had given an intellectual veneer to the anti-gay movement, had enabled — even unintentionally — some muddy bigotry. Yes, I was nervous, and a little ashamed.

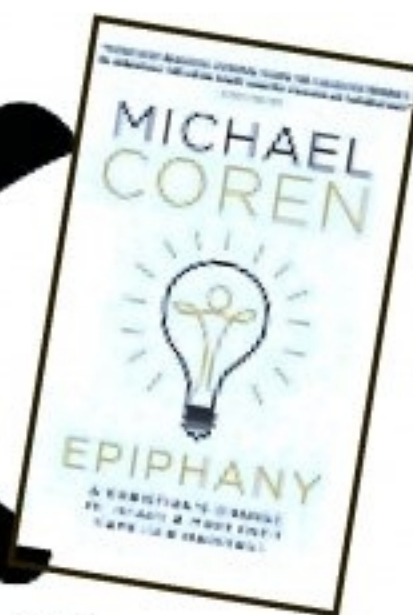
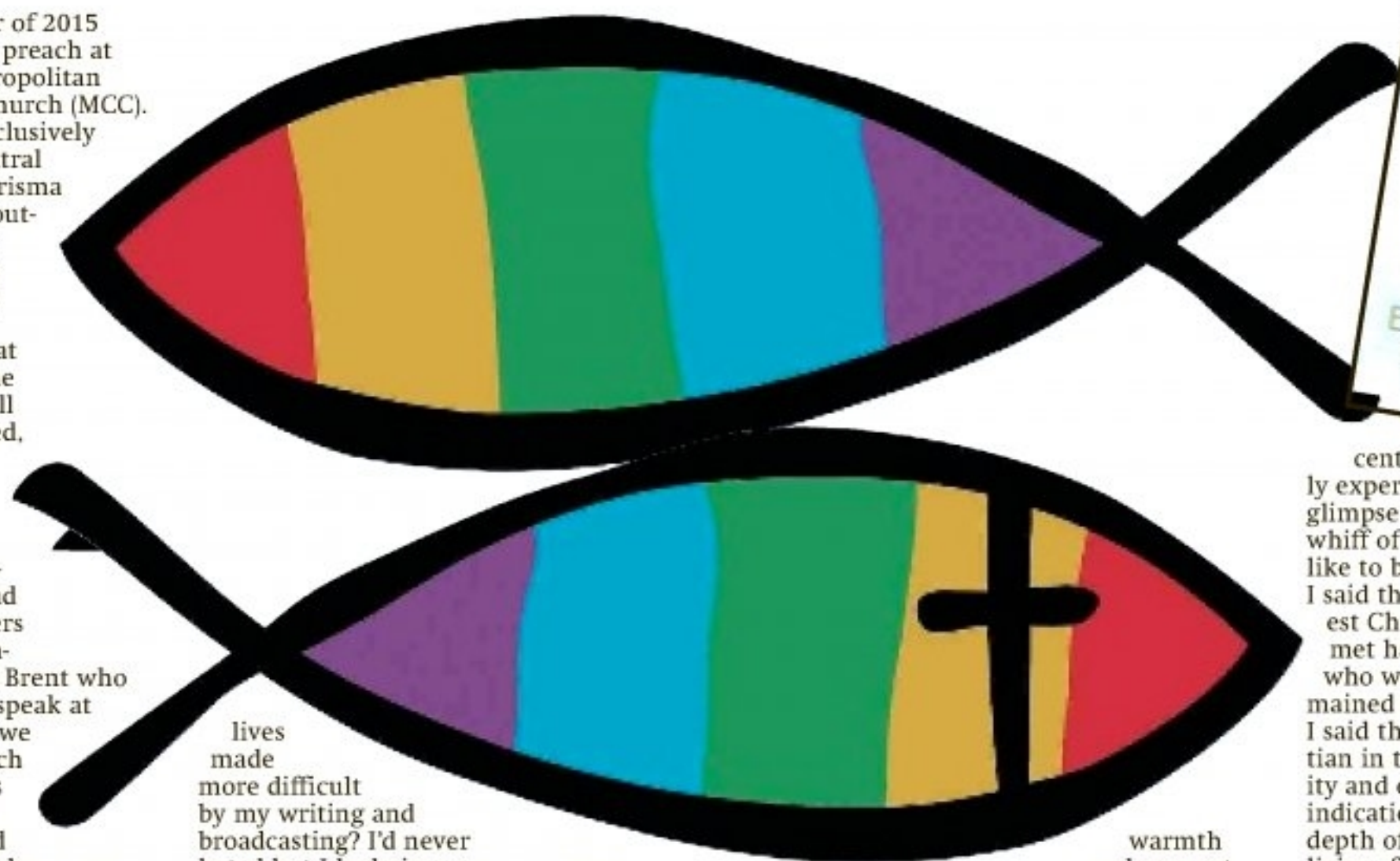
There were two services, with a combined congregation of around seven hundred men, women, and some children. And as I walked in on that hot, rainy

morning, I was sensing no condemnation, no cynicism, no grudges. As an emotionally constipated Englishman, I was several times close to weeping as I witnessed a feeling of authentic Christian community that I have, with all due respect, not always found in mainstream church settings. I saw collectives of

warmth and support, groups of people from various ethnicities, backgrounds, sexualities, and experiences united in acceptance. After so many months of abuse, accusations, and firings, my sense of liberation was exquisite. I told them that as a straight man who had reversed his position on gay rights and equal marriage, I had re-

cently experienced a glimpse of a shadow of a whiff of what it must be like to be a gay Christian. I said that some of the finest Christians I had ever met had been people who were gay and had remained true to Jesus Christ. I said that remaining Christian in the face of hostility and even vitriol was an indication of an enormous depth of faith and was a living, fleshy example of a glorious mystery.

I spoke of unconditional love, of what scripture actually said about sexuality rather than the popular and misguided caricature of Biblical truth that we are so often offered. I said that the only absolutes were grace and love. Never has a standing ovation felt so true, so good, and so pure.



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NEW SERIES

Contemporary authors take a stab at rewriting Shakespeare

There's an interesting twist in Margaret Atwood's reworking of Shakespeare's *The Tempest*, Louise Dennys is saying.

"She's basically reset it completely in the modern world," says Dennys, executive vice-president of Penguin Random House Canada.

She asked her friend Atwood to take part in the Hogarth Shakespeare project, aimed at getting some of our most prominent modern authors to reimagine Shakespeare's work for today.

"She's just completed it. It's so good. It's just great. I mean,

she's so clever and contemporary and her characters are so rich."

Penguin Random House has released the cover of *Hag-Seed*, as Atwood's version of *The Tempest* is called, and she's just handed in the manuscript, so her contribution to the project is top of mind.

"She has managed to incorporate the theatre into it in a very real way," Dennys says.

Which, of course, makes the whole thing that much more intriguing. The Hogarth Shakespeare project was started by Dennys and two of her inter-

national colleagues — one in the U.K. and one in the U.S. — as a way of marking the 400th anniversary of William Shakespeare's death and introducing his work to a new generation.

They've signed a number of well-known writers who will do "cover versions" (as author Jeanette Winterson put it) of Shakespeare's plays that will be rolled out over a five-year period.

While we'll have to wait until Oct. 11 to see Atwood's reboot, two of the other titles have already come out: *The Gap of Time*, Winterson's rework of

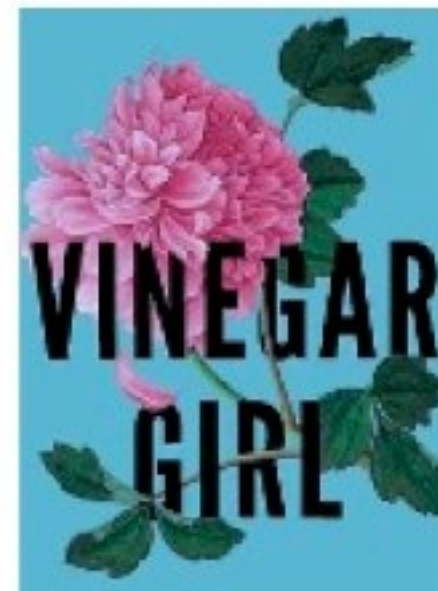
The Winter's Tale, and Howard Jacobson's *Shylock Is My Name*, which is, as the title hints, a reset of *The Merchant of Venice*.

Anticipation is already high for American writer Anne Tyler's effort, *Vinegar Girl*, a retelling of *The Taming of the Shrew* that comes out in June.

"Anne Tyler taking on *The Taming of the Shrew* I think is really brave... it's a very controversial novel in modern times. Because Kate, the "shrew" who stands up against her husband, eventually gives in."

The modernizing comes,

Dennys notes, in the way Tyler deals with the relationships and the characters. Some of the choices expected out in 2017 seem inspired: Gillian Flynn of bestselling *Gone Girl* fame is taking on the bloody tragedy *Hamlet*; Jo Nesbo, the noir thriller writer, has chosen *Macbeth*; Tracy Chevalier, who you'll remember from *Girl With a Pearl Earring*, is taking on *Othello* while Edward St. Aubyn is doing *King Lear*. Eventually, Dennys says, they hope all of Shakespeare's work will be retold in this way. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



Who is Becky with the Good Hair?

Since Beyoncé dropped her visual album *Lemonade*, internet sleuths have been trying to figure out who the mysterious “Becky with the good hair” is. Here, the prime suspects. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Rita Ora

Evidence: The Jay Z protégé Snapchatted herself in a bra with illustrated lemons on it while wearing a “J” pendant. She then Single White Female-ed Beyoncé by wearing the same Gucci jumpsuit from Bey’s *Formation* video.

Hair: Fabulous

Is she Becky? Actually, we’re pretty sure she thinks she’s Beyoncé.



Mya

Evidence: When TMZ if Beyoncé was digging up old rumours that Mya had an affair with Jay Z, the Lady Marmalade singer declared herself “not guilty.”

Hair: Well, in TMZ’s video it’s in a ponytail under a baseball cap, so... exonerated?

Is she Becky? No way — don’t pull Mya into this, TMZ!



asked by

video

Iggy Azalea

Evidence: Iggy volunteered that she had been called out as Becky in the past, but it had nothing to do with Jay Z. “Generalizing any race by calling them one stereotypical name for said race, I personally don’t think is very cool,” she tweeted, adding, “Do you know how many times ppl have called me BECKY?”

Hair: Becky-ish

Is she Becky? The Becky? No. A Becky? Arguably.



Lori Loughlin

Evidence: Loughlin retweeted a meme of her *Full House* character, captioned “Becky... with the good hair,” commenting, “wasn’t me!”

Hair: Good? It’s great!

Is she Becky? She will always be Becky, but something tells us that if Jay Z was only binge-watching *Fuller House*, Beyoncé wouldn’t be wielding a baseball bat.



Everyone

Evidence: A source told Page Six that “Becky with the good hair” is “many girls” that Jay Z has strayed with, all of which, presumably, had overpoweringly beautiful hairstyles.

Hair: Every hairstyle of the rainbow.

Are they Becky? Like the killers in *Scream*, it wouldn’t surprise us if there was more than one.

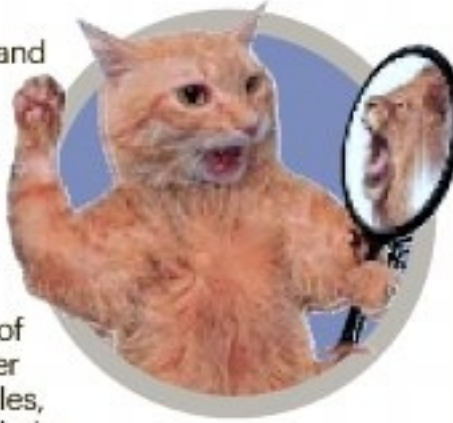


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Evidence: Go and pick up another bottle of that shampoo, because you are “Becky with the good hair!” Or so goes the logic of Beyoncé’s father Matthew Knowles, who deflected lyrics suggesting that he hit Beyoncé with a strange interpretation. “Can I tell you who she’s talking about? She’s talking about you,” he told E! News. “You put that in context for you personally. She’s talking about you and everybody that is you, that’s who she’s talking about.”

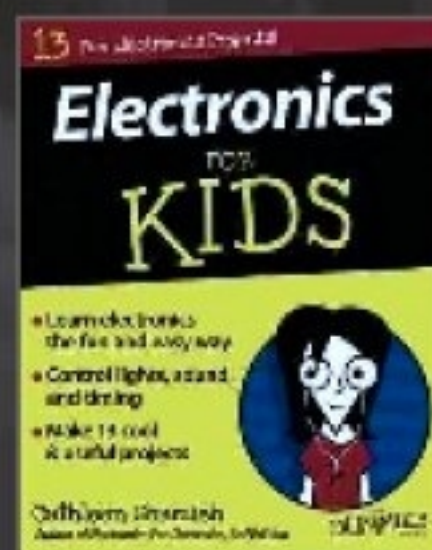
Hair: It’s good... just like in the song!

Are you Becky? If you have to ask, it’s too late.

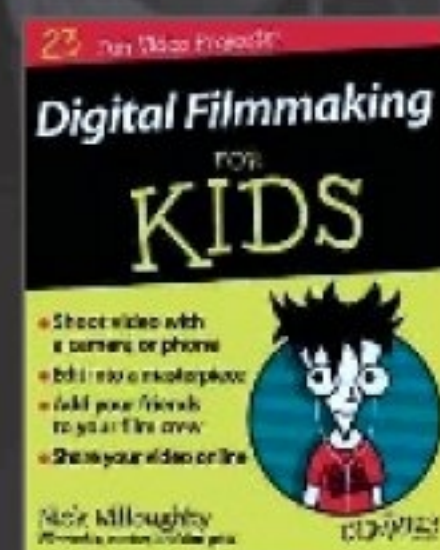


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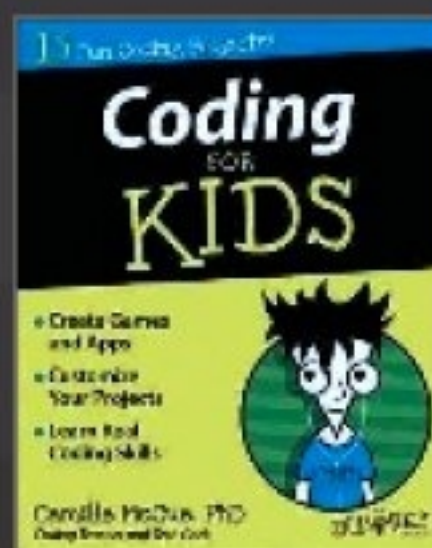
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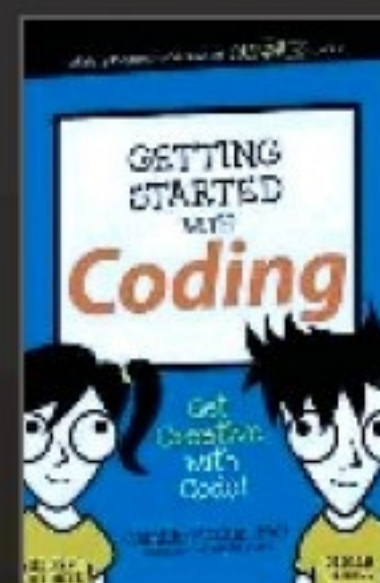
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JOHANNA SCHNELLER **WHAT I'M WATCHING**

When Prince was on New Girl

THE SHOW: *New Girl*, Season 3, Episode 14 (Fox)
THE MOMENT: Prince's magic

Remarkably, Jess (Zooey Deschanel) and her friends are at a party at Prince's house. Prince, intuiting that Jess needs him, pulls her aside to impart his wisdom.

In a manic montage, he has her try on outfits until she finds the perfect gown. Then he creams her at ping-pong. "14-0," he says.

"I don't know what I'm supposed to be learning here," she sputters. "15-0," he says.

He locks her in a dark room. Then he's in the room. Then they're outside watching a monarch butterfly.

"I think I understand now," Jess says.

The butterfly lands on Prince's shoulder. "Now do you?" he asks. "No!" she cries.

Fox re-ran this episode Tuesday night, as fans still reel from Prince's death. You feel joyous wish-fulfillment throughout it. It was a key moment for the series: Jess finally tells Nick (Jake Johnson) she loves him. You



Prince was the perfect person to play guru to Zooey Deschanel's Jess in *New Girl*. CONTRIBUTED

can imagine the writers saying, "What if we got someone cool and guru-y — someone like Prince — to make her brave?"

Miraculously, Prince agreed, and embraced with deadpan relish his guru persona, and even pulled Jess on stage with him to do a rocking duet.

The last scene, in which the

gang is back on their sofa, staring stunned into space, wasn't meant to be a eulogy, but it works as one.

"Did that really happen?" someone asks.

Was Prince really here? Did we get to spend time with him for a while?

"What do we do tomorrow?"

asks Schmidt (Max Greenfield). "Go to work? Get on with our lives?" It's the question we all ask, when someone who touched us leaves too soon.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

BIOGRAPHICAL RESEARCH

Harper Lee wrote article for FBI agents

Charles J. Shields — whose updated Harper Lee biography, *Mockingbird*, was released Tuesday — says the late author wrote an unsigned article for a magazine published by former FBI agents about the case in Truman Capote's non-fiction novel *In Cold Blood*.

Mockingbird: A Portrait of Harper Lee, From Scout to Go Set a Watchman was originally published by Henry Holt in 2006.

Harper Lee accompanied Capote in March 1960 on his assignment from *The New Yorker* to research the murder of four members of the Clutter family in rural Kansas. Capote later published the book *In Cold Blood* about the case in 1966.

Shields told *The Guardian* how he found the story. During his research, Shields found an item in a Garden City, Kansas newspaper announcing that an article about the Federal Bureau of Investigation's work on the case would appear in *Grapevine*, an FBI magazine.

The notice, from February 1960, read, in part: "Nelle Harper Lee, young writer who came to Garden City with Truman Capote to gather material for a New

Yorker magazine article on the Clutter case, wrote the piece for *Grapevine*. Miss Harper's first novel is due for publication by Random House this spring and advance reports say it is bound to be a success."

That was *To Kill a Mockingbird*, which was published in July 1960. It went on to win the Pulitzer Prize for literature.

Shields then searched the *Grapevine* archives and found a story about the case published in March 1960. It was consistent with her style, according to Shields, and contained details that would have only been known to Capote and Lee. AFP



Harper Lee. AFP

BOOK BRIEF

Biography reveals randy side of McCartney

Sir Paul McCartney once had a foursome. And we're not talking a friendly game of golf. The ménage-a-quatre — involving McCartney and three willing women — is just one of the many salacious revelations contained in author Philip Norman's authorized biography of the former Beatle, this one recounted by his cousin Mike Robbins. Among the more eyebrow-raising details in Norman's book:

- McCartney's father's advice on sex was to watch dogs copulating.

- Manager Brian Epstein would arrange to have a high-priced prostitute available to each of the Beatles during tours of the U.S.

- Girlfriend Dot Rhone changed her looks to resemble French sexpot Brigitte Bardot.

- The Fab Four shared a room in the early days and the night George Harrison, then 17, lost his virginity, the other three cheered and clapped afterward.

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ANNIVERSARY

The smooth criminal celebrates a decade

Criminal: 10th Anniversary Special

BY: Ed Brubaker and Sean Phillips

PUBLISHER: Image Comics

Mike Donachie
 Metro | Canada

It's not really about a kung fu werewolf, but it sort of is.

It's 10 years since the start of *Criminal*, the crime series by Brubaker (who wrote the book that led to the movie *Captain America: The Winter Soldier*) and Phillips, and it's still the gold standard of comic books. The whole series is available in book form, but its anniversary has been marked with this special magazine-sized book, which features the return of some old favourites.

Killer, gangster and useless father Teeg Lawless is back, and his young son Tracy is along for the ride. Dad has a nasty job to do, and the kid is be-

ing forced to help. He won't enjoy the trip.

But he does have a kung fu werewolf for company, in the comic book he's reading. The main story is strong, but the best part of this is the book-within-a-book, with several pages of 70s-style action featuring a hairy, high-kicking Peter Parker allegory.

The *Criminal* special works as a standalone story, if you haven't read the other books. But you should.



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Project overview

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Housing amenities

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In the neighbourhood

Southport brings together urban, industrial, and residential environments. Besides the vibrant Barrington Street, Southport is very close to the Halifax Seaport Farmers Market, the cultural district along the waterfront and all those cruise ships.

Location and transit

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Southport



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TIPS

Maximize outdoor space with colour, plants, lighting

Shelter magazines this time of year are fond of featuring expansive outdoor spaces with sprawling gardens and entertaining areas.

But for many people, especially city dwellers, the at-home al fresco area is more postage-stamp than palatial.

Not a problem, says Katy Kiick Condon, a senior editor at Better Homes & Gardens magazine. She advises using the same space-saving tricks outdoors that you do indoors.

Think of the terrace as an extension of the kitchen or liv-

ing room. "Try using the same colour scheme and styles. The continuity will visually combine the spaces, and make your terrace feel larger," Condon says. "Outside, you can punch up the colours, and be a little more playful with art and decor."

New furniture designs for 2016 take into account the challenges of limited space, says Jackie Hirschhaut, executive director of the International Casual Furnishings Association's outdoor division.

"Manufacturers have created compact, functional furnishings

that add style and comfort to even the most pint-size patios," she says.

Some manufacturers have started producing "balcony height" chairs and tables for the outdoor market; they're tall enough that you can see over the railing, but not so tall that you could fall over it.

If you're more into lounging than dining outdoors, forgo a table for one or two comfy chaises or chairs. Look for colourful, folding Adirondack chairs made of recycled, durable synthetic wood.

To add some interesting light sources, hang a pendant over a table or change existing sconces, advises Condon.

"With the improvements in solar- and battery-powered lights, there are tons of options that don't require hardwiring," she says.

Add some art to your "indoor-outdoor room": look for maps, photos or vintage ads that reference your home's location.

As for window treatments for terrace doors; outdoor fabrics have improved, feeling and looking more like interior textiles.

"Build up, not out," Condon says. Use vertical space by bringing in tall potted plants, hanging planters from the ceiling or creating a screen of planters. Look for colourful, pattern-rich umbrellas that tilt and shift.

But what if you've really got no room for any furnishings, and

no view either?

"If the best part is just 10 square feet of fresh air, add a gorgeous runner and find some plants to breathe it in with you," Condon advises.

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You can take more risks with brighter hues outdoors.

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MLB-worst Atlanta was mired in a 15-game home-run drought and had managed only three longballs in 2016 going into Wednesday's action

Ovi's the yin to Sid's yang

NHL PLAYOFFS

Polar opposites to clash 7 years after their first post-season tilt

The two faces most responsible for bringing the NHL full-throttle into the 21st century are inextricably linked. Sidney Crosby and Alex Ovechkin get it, even if they'd rather not talk about it.

Their simultaneous arrival following the 2004-05 lockout served as the league's version of a winning lottery ticket. Yin and yang on skates. Crosby the ever-polite Canadian with the otherworldly skills drafted by Hall of Famer Mario Lemieux and brought to Pittsburgh to help rescue a franchise in tatters. Ovechkin all snarling id, a hard-hitting, hard-shooting Russian born in Moscow near the tail end of the Cold War and brought to the U.S. to work a few blocks from the centre of the free world.

"Sid and Ovi were perfect for the game to take off and appeal to a younger demographic," Penguins forward Beau Bennett said.

Yet the rivalry that has simmered around them, the one that will pick up on Thursday when Ovechkin and the Washington Capitals host Crosby and the Penguins in Game 1 of the Eastern Conference semifinals, has been

largely relegated to jersey sales and scoring titles. They've only met with so much on the line once in 11 seasons: a brilliant showdown in the conference semifinals in 2009, the one that ended with the Penguins moving on after a Game 7 blowout on their way to the Stanley Cup.

At the time, it seemed as if seeing Crosby's blurring No. 87 across the ice from Ovechkin's bullish No. 8 would become an annual rite of spring, a patchy playoff bearded version of Brady vs. Manning. Crosby was 21 back then. Ovechkin only 23, their primes still in the offing.

4.57M

The 2011 Winter Classic between Washington and Pittsburgh drew 68,000 to Heinz Field and the largest TV audience (4.57 million) to watch an NHL regular-season game in 36 years.

When the puck drops Thursday night, it will be 2,542 days since Crosby's first-period goal ignited a 6-2 rout in the decider that provided an oddly anticlimactic end to an electrifying 12-day stretch that included hockey's biggest stars trading hat tricks in Game 2 and a trio of overtime finishes. The mem-

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ory still resonates in Pittsburgh nearly as much as the Penguins' eventual triumph over Detroit in the Cup finals.

In Washington, not so much. "It's history," Ovechkin said. "I don't like to look back. I'm looking forward."

"Right now, it's a new challenge and a new moment in our life."

Maybe it's fitting that they only meet again now with both back at the peak of their considerable powers.

Crosby spent the better part of two seasons recovering from concussion-like symptoms that began with a blindsided hit from Washington's David Steckel in the 2011 Winter Classic.

Ovechkin's path has been healthier but no less pockmarked after clashes with a string of coaches while developing a reputation for petulance that former Washington teammate Chris Clark — the captain on the 2009 team — feels is no longer deserved.

"He's been a lot more accountable," Clark said. "I think he gets a bum rap that way. He plays so much, but I think his defence and his accountability and his leadership I think has been the biggest change."

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In their only playoff matchup against each other, Sidney Crosby's Penguins beat Alex Ovechkin's Capitals in seven games. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

NBA PLAYOFFS

Celtics star expected back for Game 6

Celtics coach Brad Stevens says that all signs point toward Isaiah Thomas being able to play in Game 6 against the Hawks.

Stevens said Wednesday that he'd gotten all positive updates on the all-star guard's status, who limped to the locker-room with a mild left ankle sprain in the closing minutes of Tuesday's 110-83 loss in Atlanta.

Boston — trailing 3-2 — hosts Atlanta Thursday night.

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Isaiah Thomas GETTY IMAGES

IN BRIEF

Giants sweep Padres

Brandon Belt was a homer short of the cycle and drove in five runs, Hunter Pence drove in a pair on three hits and the San Francisco Giants completed a three-game sweep by beating the San Diego Padres 13-9 on Wednesday.

Jeff Samardzija (3-1) went 5-2/3 innings and snapped a tie with a two-run single for the Giants.

The Padres' Wil Myers hit a three-run homer and extended his hitting streak to 12 games. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Olympic flame passed off to Rio Games organizers

The Olympic flame was handed to organizers of the Rio de Janeiro Games in Athens on Wednesday, 100 days before the opening ceremony in Brazil.

Dressed as a high priestess, actress Katerina Lehou led the brief ceremony at the Panathenian Stadium, a horseshoe-shaped marble venue where the first modern Olympics were held in 1896.

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LOWER SACKVILLE

Local school receives Hockey Canada tag

A Lower Sackville school has received national recognition.

Newbridge Academy has been named the country's newest Hockey Canada Sports School. It's the first school in the province, and second in the Atlantic region, to receive this designation, Hockey Nova Scotia announced Wednesday.

"This new partnership will

allow more Nova Scotia-born players who are looking for

the sports school experience to stay here in our province and play hockey," Hockey Nova Scotia president Garth Isenor said in a news release.

The school plans on offering several hockey programs for both female and male play-

ers. KRISTEN LIPSCOMBE/METRO

The school's new facilities are set to open in September 2017, with its first season as a Hockey Canada Sports School starting this September.

RECIPE Grilled Shrimp Guacamole Salad



PHOTO: MAYA VISNVEI

Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

We think any recipe that has guacamole in the title rates high, but if it also features shrimp and comes together in a snap then we call that one a winner.

Ready in
Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 10 minutes

Ingredients
• 200g raw shrimp
• Olive oil
• Salad leaves
• 1 avocado, diced
• Handful of cherry tomatoes, cut in half
• Cilantro, chopped to garnish

For the dressing:
• Juice of 1 lime
• 1 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
• ½ clove garlic, crushed
• 1 jalapeno pepper, diced (optional, if you like a bit of heat)
• Salt and pepper

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Directions

1. Toss the shrimp in a little bit of olive oil and salt and pepper. Either put the shrimp on skewers and place on a hot barbecue grill, or put a cast iron griddle on the barbecue and cook the shrimp in the hot pan. For both methods, cook the shrimp for only a minute or so on each side – just until the shrimp is pink. Set aside while you make the salad.

2. Artfully arrange the salad leaves, avocado, and tomatoes on a plate – it'll taste the same either way, really. Whisk the dressing ingredients together and season to taste. Drizzle dressing over salad and put shrimp on top. Garnish with the fresh coriander.

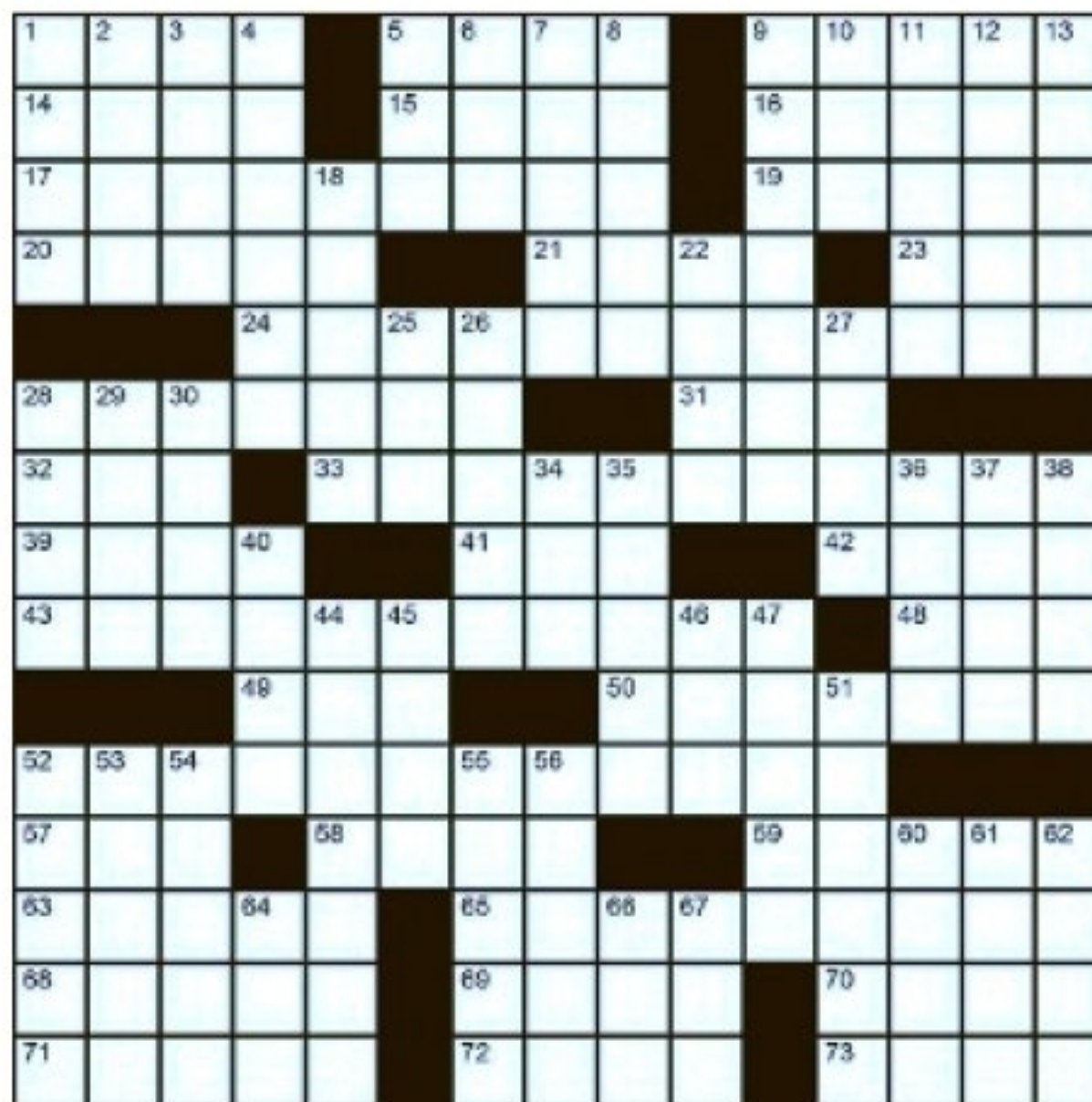
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1. Spouse
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9. Mr. Potato Head stick-ons
14. Panache
15. Drove
16. Spiritless, to Shakespeare
17. The Guess Who's 'tart' tune: 2 wds.
19. Brian Bowman's job in Winnipeg
20. Bristly hairs
21. Jai _
23. Can. borderer
24. As per #33-Across... Composer of 1875 opera Carmen: 2 wds.
28. "The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air" star Alfonso
31. Sportily succeed
32. 'Meth' suffix
33. The Canadian Opera Company's production of Carmen is currently on stage at the _ Centre for the Performing Arts, in Toronto
39. Belonging to the Pittsburgh Steelers org.
41. -Fi's front
42. Me, she or him [abbr.]
43. Gleaming bird of prey: 2 wds.
48. Parisian summer
49. Prefix to 'culture' (Beekeeping)
50. As per #24-Across... French author of the novella Carmen on which the famous opera is based, Prosper _ (b.1803 - d.1870)
52. Backyard furniture



57. Ms. Ortiz
58. Part
59. Bay window
63. David's Goliath-slaying weapon
65. Siren sounder
68. Madonna's "Evita" (1996) role, Eva _
69. Fleck

70. Genuine
71. Retailer's establishment
72. Built-up talk
73. Thailand neighbour

DOWN

1. Clutter
2. _ vera
3. Pulled tightly
4. Anger
5. Grand _ (Wine classification)
6. Law, in Laval
7. Luggage's 'label': 2 wds.

8. 16th-century English dramatist George
9. Country in southwest Africa where Windhoek is the capital city
10. Granny: German
11. Russian spacecraft
12. Irregularly edged
13. Fender guitar,

- familiarly
18. " _ _ I care!" (Go ahead!)
22. "Even _ _ speak..."
25. Gold: Spanish
26. Awaken
27. Clouseau's li'l rank
28. Called
29. Data
30. Canadian telecom company
34. Elvis' label
35. 18th Greek letter
36. City near Provo, Utah
37. Memo
38. Snick-or- _
40. Mount Rushmore state, _ _
44. Table centerpiece with tiered bowls
45. Robert De _
46. Floral necklace
47. Mr. Flynn
51. Canadian newspapers/TV magnate Mr. Asper (b.1932 - d.2003)
52. Bee-ish bugs
53. Cove
54. Setting in 'The Mummy' flicks
55. Wear florals with checks, perhaps
56. Like health store 'hearts'
60. Early person of Peru
61. Canyon lingerer
62. Permits
64. Hide _ hair
66. Jazz style
67. Sport- _ (All-purpose vehicle)

★ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Warning! Your relations with authority figures — bosses, VIPs, parents and teachers plus the police — will have some surprises and possible conflicts today. Tread carefully.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Travel plans will be cancelled, delayed or rescheduled today. Surprise news might affect you, especially regarding publishing, legal or medical matters. School plans might be rescheduled.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Make sure that you know what's happening with inheritances, insurance issues and anything regarding shared property, because something unexpected will impact these areas today.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Relations with partners and close friends are a bit dicey today. Someone might demand more freedom in the relationship. Or this person might surprise you in a different way. Be ready for something unexpected.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Your work routine will be interrupted because of computer crashes, canceled meetings, staff shortages or broken equipment. Allow extra time for wiggle room to deal with this.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
This is an accident-prone day for your kids or children you work with; therefore be wise and be extra vigilant. Social occasions and sports are also subject to cancellations and accidents.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Small appliances might break down today or minor breakages at home could occur because something will interrupt your daily routine. Likewise be patient with sudden requests from family members.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
This is an accident-prone day for your sign, so pay attention to everything you say and do. Be alert. (The world needs more people who are alert.)

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You might find money today; you might lose money. Keep an eye on your possessions as well, because this is an unpredictable day.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
It's a crapshoot today. The Moon is in your sign, dancing with wild, wacky Uranus. This might make you obsessed with something unusual. (Lighten up.)

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You will feel restless today. Don't worry about this, because many people feel this way today. Fear not; this feeling is gone by tomorrow.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
A friend might say or do something that surprises you. Alternatively, you might meet someone who is a real character, because this is not a boring day.

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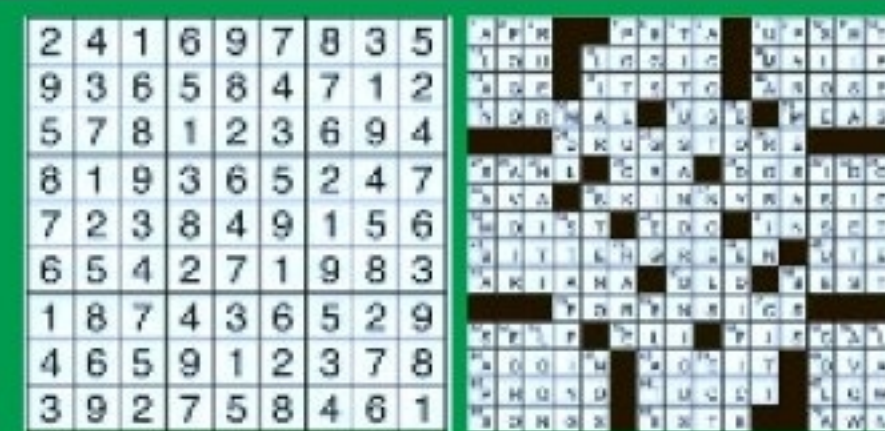
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